AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

At page 1, please delete the paragraph spanning lines 7-10 and replace it with following substitute paragraphs:

This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US2004/009962, filed April 1, 2004, which claims priority to, and incorporates by reference, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/460,532 filed April 4, 2003. The entire text of each of the above-referenced disclosures is specifically incorporated herein by reference without disclaimer.

The present invention relates generally to the field of gas purification. More particularly, it provides a variety of compositions and methods for use in removing CO₂ from gaseous streams.